

Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claims 16, 20, 28, 33, 34, 36, 40, 41 and 47, as set forth below. In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, a complete listing of claims is provided herein. The changes in the amended claims are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

1-15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling card holder verification, said method comprising:

checking the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; and

if the checking indicates the presence of the trusted association, then suppressing involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification, otherwise, if the checking indicates no trusted association, then involving the holder of the card in performing card holder verification.

~~suppressing, in response to the presence of the trusted association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification.~~

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the at least one device is located in a trusted environment.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the card comprises a chipcard.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the suppressing involvement comprises performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card comprises automatically obtaining a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verifying the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the suppressing involvement comprises refraining from performing card holder verification.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises comparing a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the card identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises replacing the personal identification number with another personal identification number.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the card identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises erasing the association between the card identifier and the personal identification number.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises comparing an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the device identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises replacing the personal identification number with another personal identification number.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the device identifier is associated with a personal identification number usable in card holder verification, and said method further comprises erasing the association between the device identifier and the personal identification number.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, ~~further comprising performing, in response to the checking indicating no trusted association, card holder verification which comprises card holder intervention~~ wherein the suppressing involvement comprises automatically obtaining a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verifying the personal identification number without requesting information from the holder of the card, and wherein the involving the holder of the card comprises requesting the holder of the card to enter the personal identification number.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising associating the at least one device and the card.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising controlling the association between a device of the at least one device and the card.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the controlling comprises using a network connectable to the device.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the checking is between at least one device and a plurality of cards, and wherein the suppressing is for a plurality of holders.

33. (Currently Amended) A method of performing card holder verification, said method comprising:

checking the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; and

performing card holder verification based on the checking, wherein:

if the checking indicates the presence of the trusted association, then a personal identification number of the holder of the card is automatically obtained and verified without requesting information from the holder of the card;

however, if the checking indicates no trusted association, then the holder of the card is requested to enter the personal identification number to verify the holder of the card.

~~obtaining, by a device, an identifier of a card usable with the device;~~

~~searching one or more card identifier/personal identification number pairs for the identifier;~~

~~sending the personal identification number associated with the searched identifier to the card; and~~

~~automatically performing card holder verification using the personal identification number, wherein the automatically performing is absent card holder intervention.~~

34. (Currently Amended) A system of controlling card holder verification, said system comprising:

means for checking the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; and

means for suppressing involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification, if the checking indicates the presence of the trusted association, or for involving the holder of the card in performing card holder verification, if the checking indicates no trusted association.

~~means for suppressing, in response to the presence of the trusted association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder verification.~~

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for suppressing involvement comprises means for performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the means for performing card holder verification hidden from the holder of the card comprises means for automatically obtaining a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verifying the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for suppressing involvement comprises refraining from performing card holder verification.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises means for comparing a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the means for checking the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises means for comparing an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

40. (Currently Amended) A system of performing card holder verification, said system comprising:

at least one processor to perform card holder verification based on whether a trusted association exists between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device, wherein:

if a checking of the trusted association indicates the presence of the trusted association, then a personal identification number of the holder of the card is automatically obtained and verified without requesting information from the holder of the card;

however, if the checking indicates no trusted association,
then the holder of the card is requested to enter the personal
identification number to verify the holder of the card.

~~at least one device to obtain an identifier of a card, to search one or more card
identifier/personal identification number pairs for the identifier, and to send the
personal identification number associated with the searched identifier to the card; and~~

~~at least one processor to automatically perform card holder verification using
the personal identification number, wherein the automatically performing is absent
card holder intervention.~~

41. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

at least one computer usable medium having computer readable program code
logic to control card holder verification, the computer readable program code logic
comprising:

check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between at
least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; and

logic to suppress involvement of a holder of the card in performing
card holder verification, if the checking indicates the presence of the trusted
association, or to involve the holder of the card in performing card holder
verification, if the checking indicates no trusted association.

~~suppress logic to suppress, in response to the presence of the trusted
association, involvement of a holder of the card in performing card holder
verification.~~

42. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the
suppress logic to suppress involvement comprises perform logic to perform card holder
verification hidden from the holder of the card.

43. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 42, wherein the perform logic comprises obtain logic to automatically obtain a personal identification number of the holder of the card and verify logic to verify the personal identification number without intervention of the holder of the card.

44. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the suppress logic to suppress involvement comprises refrain logic to refrain from performing card holder verification.

45. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises compare logic to compare a card identifier stored on the card with one or more card identifiers stored in the device.

46. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 41, wherein the check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between a device of the at least one device and the card comprises compare logic to compare an identifier of the device with one or more device identifiers stored on the card.

47. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

at least one computer usable medium having computer readable program code logic to perform card holder verification, the computer readable program code logic comprising:

check logic to check the presence of a trusted association between at least one device and a card usable with the at least one device; and

perform logic to perform card holder verification based on the checking,
wherein:

if the checking indicates the presence of the trusted association,
then a personal identification number of the holder of the card is
automatically obtained and verified without requesting information from
the holder of the card;

however, if the checking indicates no trusted association, then the holder of the card is requested to enter the personal identification number to verify the holder of the card.

~~obtain logic to obtain, by a device, an identifier of a card usable with the device;~~

~~search logic to search one or more card identifier/personal identification number pairs for the identifier;~~

~~send logic to send the personal identification number associated with the searched identifier to the card; and~~

~~perform logic to automatically perform card holder verification using the personal identification number, wherein the automatically performing is absent card holder intervention.~~

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